giver, to their cups of gold and gems, but an English royal lady could hardly be persuaded to lay it down. This was bought from the family of a Delhi nobleman.

Still another Buddha comes from Katmandu, the hill capital of Nepal, whose Prime Minister recently resigned the powers of office to don the yellow robe of prayer. The head and body are in pure turquoise, its draperies in gold bordered with rubies, while the lotus flower beneath the Master has its petals of turquoise and coral.

Then there is a Ganesh, the God of luck and wisdom, whose aid is implored for all under-takings, carved out of one emerald, and others in aquamarine and turquoise.

But the mightiest God is represented as Shiva's bull in one pearl half the size of the largest pearl in the world. This pearl was born in the shape of a bull with two heads, into which a ruby tongue and emerald eyes have been inserted. The Bull ridden by Shiva is the symbol of the world, its four feet stand for Agni or fire, Vaya the wind, the light-giving Sun, and

the over-arching Sky. It was bought from a Hindu Rajah, and its companion piece is a lingam, the most ancient religious symbol in the world, older than history, perhaps older than

man